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AD-HOC MEETING

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1. SUMMARY - STUDY OF EAST/WEST TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER,
UNDER MANDATE FROM COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY, IS ONE OF MORE MEANINGFUL AND
USEFUL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM U.S. "EAST/WEST"
INITIATIVE. AD HOC MEETING JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1
REVIEWED EXCELLENT OECD COMPENDIUM AND ANALYSIS OF
STATE OF KNOWLEDGE ON THIS SUBJECT (SPT(77)16) AND

RECOMMENDED SOME CHANGES, OV AND ABOVE THOSE ALREADY PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT, FO FINAL VERSION DUE IN JUNE. MEETING RECOMMENDED PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE WORK, EMPHASIZING RELATION OF PROJECTS CHOSEN TO CAPACITY OF EASTERN EUROPE TO ABSORB AND ADOPT TECHNOLOGY AND TO ALTER INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE AND TRADE PATTERNS. END SUMMARY .

2. REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES (INCLUDING EC OBSERVOR) MET WITH SECRETARIAT AND CONSULTANT ZALESKI TO REVIEW GROUNDBREAKING STUDY ON EAST/WEST TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND SET PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE WORK. MEETING CHAIRED BY STENMANS (BELGIUM), AND FOLLOWING COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN ADDITION TO U.S.: UK, FRANCE, FRG, NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, ITALY, JAPAN AND BELGIUM. EC COMMISSION, AUSTRIA, DENMARK, SPAIN, FINLAND AND GREECE SAT IT OUT FOR MOST PART ON SIDELINES. SECRETARIAT LED OFF BY PLACING SUBJECT IN CONTEXT OF OTHER EAST/WEST WORK UNDERWAY ON MARITIME TRANSPORT, TRADE, ENERGY AND FINANCE. SECRETARIAT WAS CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THAT BROAD POLICY QUESTIONS MUST BE IDENTIFIED, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO INTENTION TO RECOMMEND COURSES OF ACTION. ONLY SWISS MADE SIMILAR POINT, PERHAPS BECAUSE FRENCH AND FINLAND BOTH REPRESENTED BY EXPERT, NOT FOREIGN MINISTRIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. SECRETARIAT HAD ALREADY PLANNED TO REARRANGE REPORT, DEEMPHASIZING STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF EXPORT CONTROLS AND INCORPORATING ALL U.S. SUGGESTIONS. REPORT GENERALLY PRAISED AS EXCELLENT COMPILATION OF MOST IMPORTANT POLICY ISSUES AND QUESTIONS AND SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF LEADING EXPERTS IN THE FIELD. PURPOSE OF SPT(77)16 IS TO UTILIZE EXISTING DATA, NOT COME UP WITH NEW METHODOLOGY. SUGGESTIONS OVER AND ABOVE THOSE PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT AND EXPERTS PANEL (WT CH MET OCTOBER 25-25 - FESHBACH AND HARDT ATTENDED FROM U.S.) WERE MINOR OR ORGANIZATIONAL IN NATURE.

4. SECRETARIAT SUGGESTED THAT FUTURE WORK BE TIED AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO SECRETARY GENERAL'S SUGGESTION TO STUDY CAPACITY OF EE COUNTRIES TO ABSORB AND ADAPT WESTERN TECHNOLOGY AND CONSEQUENT CHANGES IN THE INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE, COMMODITY PATTERN AND EXPORT POTENTIAL. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF EAST/WEST TECHNOLOGY FLOWS WITH NORTH/SOUTH PATTERN WAS NOTED, AND VIRTUALLY ALL AGREED THAT ADDITIONAL

WORK HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

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5. OF THE SIX ISSUES PRESENTED FOR FURTHER STUDY BY
THE SECRETARIAT ON FEBRUARY 1 AS MOST RELATED TO
XCSS GUIDANCE, DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED STRONGLY (1) AB-
SORPTIVE CAPACITIES OF EASTERN COUNTRIES, (2) CMEA
TRADE, (3) VOLUME OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERRED TO THE
EAST, (4) FORM AND CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER AND
(5) LIKELY FUTURE LEVEL OF EXPORTS FROM THE EAST.
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DELEGATIONS WERE GENERALLY UNSUPPORTIVE OF FUTURE WORK TOUCHING ON POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC ISSUES. MEETING EXPRESSED PREFERENCES TO SECRETARIAT ON PROJECTS TO CLARIFY EACH ISSUE ABOVE AS FOLLOWS: (1) LEFT TO DISCRETION OF SECRETARIAT; (2) TECHNOLOGY NEEDED BY CMEA, STATE OF CMEA COOPERATION, EFFECT OF INTRA-CMEA TRADE ON DIFFUSION OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY, SUBSTITUTION OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY BY CMEA COUNTRIES, EFFECTS OF TECHNOLOGY IMPORTS ON EASTERN ECONOMIES; (3) IMPACT OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY ON EASTERN EXPORTS, EASTERN INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS; (4) ASSESSMENT OF GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IN EAST-WEST TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER; AND (5) LEFT TO DISCRETION OF SECRETARIAT.

6. SECRETARIAT WILL CALL SECOND MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP TO REVIEW FINAL REPORT AFTER ITS COMPLETION IN JUNE AND TO SUBMIT POLICY PROBLEMS AS FINALLY AGREED TO CSTP.

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